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SUBJ: AFGHAN PARLIAMENT

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1. LOWER HOUSE ACHIEVED QUORUM APRIL 1 ALTHOUGH NO RPT NO PROGRESS MADE. SPEAKER WARDAK MADE CLUMSY EFFORT RAILROAD DISCUSSION HELMAND WATERS TREATY INTO FIRST POSITION ON AGENDA, BUT IMMEDIATE OBJECTION RAISED BY LEFTIST DEPUTIES (BABRAK, AMIN, OMERKHAIL) ON GROUNDS TREATY NOT YET CONSIDERED OR REPORTED OUT BY APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES. SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR PROPER PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE FORCED WARDAK YIELD BEFORE PANDEMONIUM BROKE OUT. SESSION ENDED QUICKLY WITH RESULT THAT DEPUTIES SELECTING MEMBERS FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES THROUGH MEETINGS ALL DEPUTIES FROM EACH PROVINCE, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ASAP. SUCH PROCEDURE WILL PROBABLY GUARANTEE THAT BABRAK AND AMIN WILL BE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OR AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, BOTH OF WHICH WILL CONSIDER HELMAND TREATY.

2. NO RPT NO QUORUM APRIL 2. DEPUTIES CONTINUED CAUCUS ON COMMITTEE MEMBERR SELECTION WITH ABOUT HALF COMMITTEES NOW
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FULLY STAFFED, ALTHOUGH MEMBERSHIP ABOVE TWO COMMITTEES STILL INCOMPLETE. SEVERAL DEPUTIES CITED MAJOR REASON FOR LACK QUORUM APRIL 2 THAT KING AND PRIMIN MEETING ALL DAY WITH SELECTED MP' S TO " REMIND" THEM NECESSITY QUICK AND POSITIVE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION ON PENDING ITEMS. DECONTROL APRIL 1, 1974.

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